

## September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

June meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$99,111.23 before the end of season festival. Current festival expenses of \$68,197.58 with deposits of \$43,033.00. Ending balance of \$73,946.65. We are still waiting on a bill from Amherst (usually +/- \$18,000.00). Money received from vendors includes \$2,125.00 from Kona Ice, \$475.00 Kona coffee truck, \$26,293.00 from Fine Designs, \$700.00 from Richie's Slush and \$3,600.00 from miscellaneous vendors such as the Tomahawks, GSE, Rapstick etc. Bar Down has been tough to get fee reimbursement from. Working on that.

Report accepted

Boys VP: 2025 season and festival were mostly positive. Physicality at the younger age groups seems to have been much better. Mike urged all to think about 2026 coaches and to get them certified early. More to share at the October meeting.

Girls VP: US Lacrosse high school rule changes are out now. Youth changes have not been released as of yet. Keep an eye out for that soon. Jill urged all to recruit coaches now. She spoke about the difference between NHYLA and US Lacrosse as far as what we require to coach. NHYLA requires silver level to be an actual coach where US Lacrosse requires Bronze. Note that players will be age verified this upcoming season if you have US Lacrosse insurance coverage. Jill reminded organizations to update websites with proper contacts and information asap. Look for an updated USA Lacrosse website coming soon.

Youth Officials: Classroom training will be the first two weekends in March (most likely March 8 and March 15). Large and small field training will be done together this year. More information will be available next meeting on locations (and times) and will be posted on the NHYLA site as they come available. Jay urged everyone to recruit more officials. The group talked about scheduling boys' officials like we do girls (Kirsten K). The way it is now, Kirsten K schedules the girls and gets paid a stipend to do so. If anyone is interested in doing so for the boys, please reach out to Jay Gallipo or Kevin Bishop to discuss.

Festival: The 2026 festival looks to be held on June 6 and June 7 at Amherst. Graduation and field conflicts at Amherst (annual festival location) dictate the weekend. The proposed game dates for the 2026 season would be Saturday April 4 (Easter Sunday), then April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, Memorial Day Weekend off, May 30 (makeup day) & Sunday May 31 (last day) with the festival June 6 and June 7. Kevin noted that sponsorship for the festival is always fluid. If anyone or any business is interested in being a vendor or sponsor,

please have them be in contact with Kevin Bishop. The festival format was then talked about. Kevin spent a bunch of time going through the Cocheco end of year survey. Discussions on ways to improve the festival was discussed. Thank you to Cocheco for spending the time and sharing with NHYLA.

President: Kevin urged all to get your coaches certified as soon as possible. He mentioned the proposed season dates again. He also urged anyone interested in becoming the boys referee scheduler to step forward and begin the process of taking over that job (see Kevin). Teams Compete will send out an email blast soon to all towns with contact information. Please update all including board, schedulers and coach information to the best of your ability. Coach information is huge to have cell phones and emails correct in the event of last-minute changes or scheduling issues. If you want to proactively start this process, the email to send changes to is [NHYLA@TeamsCompete.Net](mailto:NHYLA@TeamsCompete.Net). Kevin spoke more about the feedback from Cocheco and about sponsoring / monitoring fields at the festival. When you do this, you are exposed to the full experience and it is a really healthy undertaking. It is urged that all towns to do the same going forward.

Old Business: Amherst representatives not present at the meeting but at the June meeting they offered to look into possible NHYLA website upgrades. This topic was tabled to October meeting for now.

New Business: The Cocheco survey was discussed again and gone through item by item. It will be posted on the NHYLA site soon for review. Chris Day (boys officials) talked about having two officials on games this upcoming season and the ramifications for not. Note that the consequences will be severe. Coaches and officials will be suspended if games are held without two officials in 2026. Please plan ahead and have contingency plans in place to avoid issues. Officials pay was then discussed. Increases are being considered. The existing pay is \$30 (1<sup>st</sup> year), \$45 (2<sup>nd</sup> year), \$55 (3<sup>rd</sup> year), and \$65.00 NOLA official. The changes would bump 1<sup>st</sup> year up to \$35 and the NOLA referees to \$75.00. This will be discussed further in the next few meetings. Rules interpretation meetings were then discussed. The idea for 2026 is to possibly set up (3) regional trainings, then (1) more for makeup. We would need towns to step up and host. Please let Chris Day know if interested in hosting. A request to post a video of the rule changes on our website was discussed and will be considered.

Motion to adjourn accepted